



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Alfred S. Despres III et al.  
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Sir:

PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicants hereby petition for a two (2) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED mailed September 2, 2004 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from November 2, 2004 to January 2, 2005.

Applicant notes that inasmuch as January 2, 2005 falls on a Sunday, the response is actually due on Monday, January 3, 2005.

A check in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of Large Entity status.

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